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The idea is to make a mockery and hold up to ridicule the computer, the security services and authority in relation to FOI. In the US we would use it to hold up the American security to ridicule, as outlined in the GO by LRII; the plan in outline is to take a cat with a pedigree name, or some such and to get the name into a computer file, together with a record whether it be criminal, social welfare, driving or whatever; and to build the sequence of events to the point where the creature holds a press conference and photographic story results. See attached suggested report.

Our lead line is the computer and the dossier is only as good as the data which is put into it. This opens the door to any other lead line we care to develop from it.

PROJECT:

MAJOR TARGET: To plant grossly false information in governmental agencies, especially security services files, for later public retrieval and ridiculing exposure.

PRIMARY TARGETS:

1. Somebody there: PRL US.
2. Worthwhile Purpose: To dramatize the capability of false reports and gross errors in the computerized data collection by government agencies.
3. Somebody Taking Responsibility for the Area or Action: PRL US works with B1 terminals to get dossiers created in the agencies.
4. Form of the Org Well Planned: Dossiers are prepared in advance and fed bit by bit into the governmental computerized machinery.
5. Form of Org Held or Re-established: Inquiries made of government agencies requesting facts from the planted dossiers. PR liaises with Legal Bureau.
6. Org Operating: The dossiers are planted and established, data is obtained from them, alarming reports are made to cause governmental cross filing, the files are increased, then a Privacy Act case is made to obtain the files and a revealing and ridiculing press conference is held.

VITAL TARGETS:

1. The dossiers well prepared.
2. The dossiers planted in the computer systems.

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B1 US \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITIONAL TARGETS:

1. Find out from B1 which agencies can be planted. PRL US, B1 US \_\_\_\_\_
2. Find out from B1 how best to feed the material in, ie all at once, piece by piece, etc. PRL US, B1 US \_\_\_\_\_
3. Find out from B1 what kind of information in the planted dossiers will cause cross filing. PRL US, B1 US \_\_\_\_\_
4. Find out what form the dossier documents have to be in, ie FBI reports, witness reports, etc. PRL US, B1 US \_\_\_\_\_
5. See if the SUBJECT can obtain a Social Security Card, ie by merely sending in the form, or what other action is required. PRL US, B1 US \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Liaise with BI and Legal to see what reciprocal could be returned to us for falsifying records or similar activity.  
PRL US \_\_\_\_\_
7. Find out from Legal what is the best way of retrieving the planted data.  
PRL US \_\_\_\_\_

## OPERATING TARGETS:

1. From Conditional Tgt 1, list up the agencies which can be planted.  
PRL US, BI US \_\_\_\_\_
2. From Conditional Tgt 4, obtain the correct format for the dossier reports to the various agencies you plan to plant data.  
PRL US, BI US \_\_\_\_\_
3. Write alarming reports on SUBJECT CAT in the proper format.  
PRL US, BI US \_\_\_\_\_
4. From Conditional Tgt 5, send an application for a Social Security Card.  
PRL US, BI US \_\_\_\_\_
5. From Conditional Tgt 2, arrange to get the reports fed into governmental computers and files.  
BI US \_\_\_\_\_
6. Notify PRL US who notifies PRL WW when the reports have been filed and with what agencies.  
BI US \_\_\_\_\_
7. Send several complaint letters on the SUBJECT to the various agencies which contain dossiers. These can come from different states. In these complaints tie SUBJECT CAT into terrorism, international travel, tax evasion, theft, drugs, violence, etc., etc.  
BI US \_\_\_\_\_
8. Allow the dossiers to sleep for several months.  
PRL US \_\_\_\_\_
9. From Conditional Tgt 7, make Privacy (or whatever is best) requests for the files on SUBJECT CAT. Note: a refusal to divulge information on SUBJECT only improves the game; therefore continue it.  
PRL US \_\_\_\_\_
10. If the dossiers are retrieved, arrange a large press conference in D.C. to expose the absurd computer dossier complex. If the dossiers cannot be retrieved, do Target 11.  
PRL US \_\_\_\_\_
11. At the point where the government thoroughly refuses to make their national security or investigation files available, and nothing further can be gained, a lawyer can file a request which claims false and mistaken information, etc., to force the issue into the open.  
Legal US \_\_\_\_\_
12. Make packs of documentation, photographs and a rundown of the story which ridicules, available for the media. Have the SUBJECT there.  
PRL US \_\_\_\_\_
13. Send the story out nationally.  
PRL US \_\_\_\_\_
14. Do up a brief report on the absurdity of the computerized dossier, pointing out the huge world-wide spread which the SUBJECT could now have a dossier, and include documentation.  
P/PRL US \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Send the report to members of Congress and our ally groups. PRL US \_\_\_\_\_
16. Write up the results of the caper and send in report form to DG PR US. PRL US \_\_\_\_\_

PRODUCTION TARGETS:

1. Dossiers planted in four U.S. agencies by November 15 (subject to B1).
2. Press conference held by Feb. 15, 1976.
3. Four national media articles and 50 local articles by Feb. 20, 1976

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